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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: ETEL, GW

SUBJECT: INMARSAT

REF: STATE 213902

1. IN ABSENCE OF AMBASSADOR JAENICKE AT INMARSAT MEETING IN LONDON, CONTENTS REFTEL WERE CONVEYED TO SCHOLTYSSSEK IN FOREIGN OFFICE ON SEPTEMBER 3. EMBOFF HAD DISCUSSION SAME SUBJECT ON SEPTEMBER 9 WITH VON WAGNER WHO DEALS WITH INMARSAT MATTERS IN FOREIGN OFFICE.

2. VON WAGNER SAID THAT REPORT OF LIKELY EARLIER THAN EXPECTED LAUNCHING OF COMSAT GENERAL CORPORATION INDIAN OCEAN SATELLITE WAS "NOT VERY BAD NEWS." IT WOULD, OF COURSE, HAD BEEN BETTER FROM THE EUROPEAN VIEW-POINT IF ESA COULD HAVE BEEN FIRST TO HAVE AN INDIAN OCEAN SATELLITE, BUT VON WAGNER THINKS THAT THERE IS GOOD POSSIBILITY THE TWO CAN COMPLEMENT EACH OTHER IN VIEW OF THE HEAVY MILITARY COMMITMENT AND THE POSSIBILITY OF SHIFTING TO ANOTHER SITE OF THE COMSAT SATELLITE.

3. VON WAGNER ASKED EMB TO FIND OUT IF COMSAT GENERAL  
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CORPORATION HAD DISCUSSED ITS INDIAN OCEAN PROJECT WITH

ESA. HE NOTED THAT IN THE PAST FEW YEARS COMSAT HAD SHOWN GREAT EAGERNESS FOR COOPERATION WITH ESA IN MARITIME SATELLITE PROJECTS. HE REMARKED THAT, IF IT TURNS OUT THAT ESA IS NOT DISTURBED BY THE INDIAN OCEAN PROJECT, THEN FRG NEED NOT BE DISTURBED.

4. ACTION REQUESTED: PLEASE ADVISE WHAT EMBASSY CAN TELL VON WAGNER ABOUT COMSAT INFORMING ESA OF ITS INDIAN OCEAN PLANS.  
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